worked hard and earned his way accomplishing extraordinary dreams. He wrote of schoolchildren who see James as proof that they can be anything that they want to be. This is something that we must work hard to instill in all children. Where you come from does not limit the kind

of person you can become or what you can accomplish. The author juxtaposing vacant

buildings against wonderful people reminded me of a story from my own family in 1986, when my father had a career opportunity that would bring him to Stamford. He asked his father, my grandfather, what he thought about the town. My grandfather said that, in all his years as a deliveryman and route salesman in the area, even when times were lean for him, he was always treated decently when he came to Stamford. That is something my family has confirmed in our experiences for the last 31 years here. This community's greatest asset is its people. Seeing that quality observed and reported by national sports media is refreshing

Vacant buildings can be changed. It is much harder to change a culture of vacant people. When I read over the words in that article, I energized to ensure that buildings and economy Stamford match its people.

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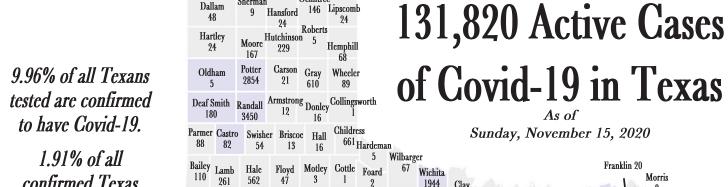
On This Day in Texas History November 20, 1837

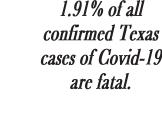
On this day in 1837, Robert A. Irion, secretary of state for Republic recommended in his annual report to the Congress that the republic grant copyrights. This was not the first discussion of copyrights in the Republic of Texas. On March 15, 1836, the delegates to the Convention of 1836 voted to add to the Constitution Article II, Section 3, authorizing patents and copyrights, but provided for a three-year delay before implementation. In Congress made an attempt to pass a special law authorizing copyright of a map for five years, but this failed to pass. Finally, on January 28, 1839, President Mirabeau B. Lamar approved an act that provided "patent" rights, running for

fourteen years, on "composition of matter, liberal arts, sciences or literature, books, maps or charts," to citizens and those who had filed intentions of becoming citizens, payment of a thirty-dollar fee. Only three copyrights were issued, and of the copyrighted works only one was published,

Bonnell's George William Topographical Description of Texas, to Which Is Added an Account of the Indian Tribes (Austin: Clark, Wing, and Brown, 1840). The imprint of this small volume is unique in that it states the copyright was secured in the Republic of Texas. Inasmuch as two of the

three works registered in the republic were never published and the third was registered in the United States as well as in Texas, when Texas was admitted into the Union, there was no necessity for Texas copyrights to be incorporated into the United States copyright system, and no action was taken.





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Archer Cooke Grayson 31 Titus Hunt Hopkins Haskell Dallas Rockwall Rains 47 Stephens Palo Parker Tarrar 44 Wood Upshur Shackelford^{*} Marion 10 20 Van Zandt 126 28 Gregg Harrison 42 Hood Johnson Callahan Eastland Erath 51 269 50 Somervell Henderson 1342 549 Cherokee 120 Comanche Freestone 97 Anderson 159 10 Hamilton 1171 Corvell Houston 35 San 34 Augustine Concho Leon Falls 12 McCulloch Saba Lampasas 176 Angelina 40 Robertson 70 Trinity 1 23 Brazos 39 Walker Burnett N 165 Williamson Milam 15 Recursion Grimes 79 San Jacinto Mason Llano Kimble Gillespie Blanco Kendall 526 Caldwell Fayette Austin 30 Bandera 11 Colorado Galveston Uvalde Medina 24 Lavaca 29 Wharton 1115 DeWitt 77 Jackson 39 Brazon Matagorda 975 Maverick Zavala Frio arnes Victoria 46 Atascosa Dimmit Refugio 14 Top 5 Counties LaSalle 15 Aransas 12 San Patricio with Active Cases Webb Kleberg 1. El Paso - 33,065

2. Dallas - 13,456

3. Harris - 12,247

4. Tarrant - 9,543

5. Lubbock - 4,732

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Counties w/Covid-19	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253	253
Confirmed Cases	815,678	820,563	823,779	828,527	833,557	838,809	845,100	845,100	858,071	862,375	867,075	874,367	879,994	886,820	893,751	900,596	904,855	909,257	916,773	926,400	934,994	942,539	950,549	956,234	963,019	974,230	985,380	993,841	1,004,983	1,014,160	1,020,721
Active Cases	81,090	82,176	82,347	82,930	83,973	84,538	85,618	88,206	89,393	91,885	93,479	95,784	96,528	98,775	100,991	102,769	103,935	105,658	108,522	112,776	116,225	119,238	122,845	124,617	126,412	132,146	137,054	138,137	137,398	135,912	131,820
Fatalitics	16,903	16,984	17,014	17,022	17,087	17,201	17,286	17,375	17,456	17,504	17,514	17,595	17,700	17,819	17,934	18,024	18,077	18,097	18,194	18,320	18,453	18,589	18,700	18,743	18,769	18,863	18,863*	19,147	19,320	19,470	19,559
Hospitalized	4,248	4,275	4,226	4,319	4,558	4,782	4,931	5,065	4,995	5,206	5,278	5,512	5,650	5,587	***	5,696	5,691	5,770	5,936	5,872	5,954	6,070	6,068	6,080	6,103	6,170	6,779	6,925	7,083	7,151	7,274
Tested	7,885,463	7,953,016	8,014,408	8,078,858	8,146,209	8,180,077	8,245,551	8,338,444	8,447,606	8,507,185	8,560,787	8,642,696	8,700,852	8,782,931	8,878,943	8,965,176	9,047,639	9,132,291	9,174,350	9,268,311	9,372,860	9,455,322	9,547,430	9,659,272	9,793,335	9,851,884	9,963,266	9,998,737	10,136,547	10,241,091	10,241,091
Recovered	719,478	723,204	726,231	729,762	733,758	739,140	744,283	748,252	753,611	755,095	758,192	763,108	767,905	772,350	774,826	782,006	785,282	787,685	792,286	797,586	802,611	807,008	811,330	820,215	820,156	826,116	831,800	838,950	850,648	861,205	871,784
# Daily New Cases	5,682	4,581	3,048	2,273	4,856	4,991	5,917	5,760	6,125	3,793	4,418	7,055	5,175	6,430	6,031	6,845	4,111	3,982	7,215	9,048	8,332	7,221	7,677	5,404	3,816	10,865	10,097	5,756	10,542	8,989	6,390
# Daily New Active Cases	2,370	1,086	171	583	1,043	565	1,080	2,588	1,187	2,492	1,594	2,305	744	2,247	2,216	1,778	1,166	1,723	2,864	4,254	3,449	3,013	3,607	1,772	1,795	5,734	5,008	1,083	-739	-1,486	-4,092
#Daily New Fatalities	91	81	30	8	65	114	85	89	81	48	10	81	105	119	115	90	53	20	97	126	133	136	111	43	26	94	0*	143	173	150	89
# Daily New Hospitalizations	-15	27	-49	93	239	224	149	134	-70	211	72	234	138	-63	***	***	-5	79	166	-64	82	116	-2	12	23	67	609	146	158	68	123
# Daily New Testing	116,427	67,553	61,392	64,450	67,351	33,868	65,474	93,027	109,162	59,579	53,602	81,989	58,156	82,079	96,012	86,233	82,463	84,652	42,059	93,961	104,549	82,578	92,108	111,842	134,063	58,549	111,382	35,471	137,547	104544	0*
% Confirmed of those Tested	10.34	10.31	10.27	10.25	10.23	10.25	10.24	10.13	10.15	10.13	10.12	10.11	10.11	10.09	10.06	10.04	10.00	9.95	9.99	9.99	9.97	9.96	9.95	9.89	9.83	9.88	9.89	9.93	9.91	9.90	9.96*
% Active	9.94	10.01	9.99	10.00	10.07	10.07	10.13	10.43	10.41	10.65	10.78	10.95	10.96	11.13	11.29	11.41	11.48	11.62	11.83	12.17	12.43	12.65	12.92	13.03	13.12	13.56	13.90	13.89	13.67	13.40	12.90
% Hospitalized	.52	.52	.51	.52	.55	.57	.58	.59	.58	.60	.60	.63	.64	.63	***	.63	.62	.63	.64	.63	.63	.64	.63	.63	.63	.63	.68	.69	.70	.70	.71
% Fatal	2.07	2.06	2.06	2.05	2.04	2.05	2.04	2.05	2.03	2.02	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.99	1.99	1.98	1.97	1.97	1.97	1.96	1.96	1.94	1.93	***	1.92	1.92	1.91	1.91
% Recovered	88.20	88.13	88.15	88.07	88.02	88.11	88.07	88.54	87.82	87.55	87. 44	87.27	87.26	87.09	86.69	86.83	86.78	86.62	86.42	86.09	85.84	85.62	85.35	85.77	85.16	84.79	84.41	84.41	84.64	84.91	85.40